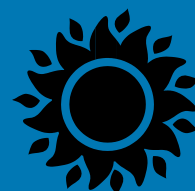




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## Summer Highlights

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## TV/Computer Recycling Changes

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### Did you know....

*Televisions are huge contributors to electronic waste. The U.S. EPA estimates that 82 percent of televisions, or 20.6 million units, were disposed of, primarily in landfills, between 2006 and 2007. That means only 18 percent, or 6.3 million units, were recycled.*

*Residents should be proud that we are, and will remain, among that 18% which recycle E-waste.*

**The recycling of E-waste is now mandatory in NJ**

Since January, 2011, regulatory changes require that televisions be disposed of in an environmentally sensitive fashion. North Brunswick began to collect TV's and computers curbside in order to comply with these regulations.

North Brunswick, like many communities in the state, has found that curbside collection presents several challenges, including physical dangers to our workers and scavengers looting TVs curbside.

**Beginning July 2012, curbside collection of TV's and computers will no longer be offered.**

Residents will have several options to drop off these items for proper disposal. DPW has scheduled three drop off dates for residents of the Township (ID may be required). These drop off days will be held at our facility at **45 Quarry Lane**. Please mark your calendars to bring your TVs, computers, and computer peripheral devices to DPW:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, August 4, 2012	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, October 6, 2012	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, January 12, 2013	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Please only bring these items on these days and times. Residents will NOT be permitted to drop off at any other day or time.** The facility is monitored at all times by security cameras. Anything left outside of these designated drop off days and times is considered illegal dumping and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

**Questions? Call DPW  
(732) 297-1134**

## TV/Computer Recycling Changes (continued)

### Option 2:

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management sponsors an E-Waste drop off program as well. Items that are accepted are TVs, computers and peripheral devices, telephones, fluorescent bulbs and mercury containing items.

#### Dates

First Saturday of the month  
Third Monday of the month

#### Times

9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



#### Location

SIMS Recycling Solutions  
401 Mill Road  
Edison, NJ 08837



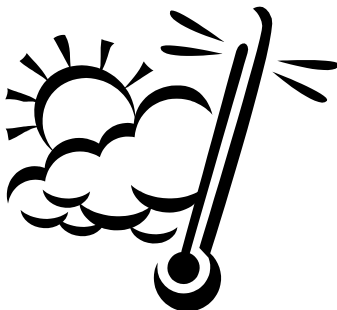
For questions, please call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste at (732) 745-4170 or go to <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/ecycle.pdf> for a copy of the flyer.

### Option 3:

Many retailers will take your e-waste when you purchase your new items. Best Buy has a recycling program available whether you purchased your items there or not. Please do go to [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) and scroll down to the heading "Product Support". Click on the "Recycling" link for detailed information about their program.

We thank you in advance for your help and understanding. Recycling e-waste not only makes good sense for our environment, it's also the law.

**Questions? Call DPW  
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## Your Automated Trash Container

If you are a resident with once a week, automated trash collection, you have the big blue can with wheels that we call "robo cans". The container is assigned specifically to your address and remains the property of the Township of North Brunswick. If your container is damaged, we will replace it or repair it free of charge by appointment.

## Placement of your Automated Trash Container

It is extremely important that your container be placed at the curb with the wheels facing the curb, and at least 4 feet from ANY OTHER OBJECT - another container, a vehicle, street sign, fire hydrant, etc. Failure to do this may result in your trash not being collected! Please DO remove your robo can from the curb within 24 hours of the trash collection.

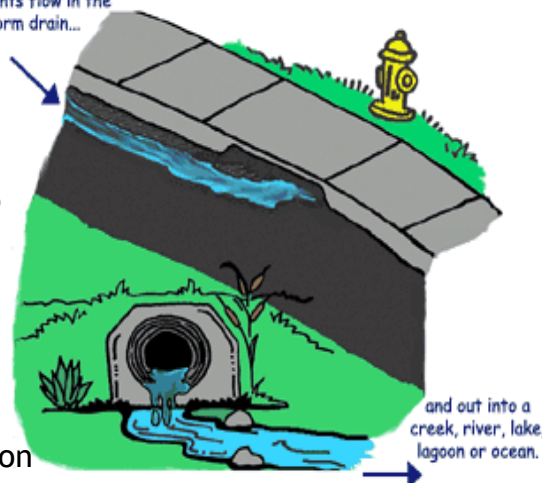
## Stormwater Management



In 2005, the DPW enacted an aggressive plan to comply with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management Program. Since that time, the DPW has steadily improved the infrastructure it maintains in stormwater assets.

- Over 918 miles of Township roadways are swept each year. Typically, streets are swept in the spring and summer and the programs ends in the fall. The sweeper removes particulate matter and prevents it from entering the catch basins.
- Catch basins are routinely cleaned by our Jet Vacuum truck and Public Works staff. Roughly 1,000 catch basins are inspected annually. The DPW encourages Township residents to keep catch basins in front of their homes free of leaves, litter and other debris. This helps prevent rainwater from backing up into the street during heavy rains, and helps prevent the debris from going into the catch basin.
- Last year, DPW removed 433 cubic yards of sediment and solids from the stormwater system.

Pollutants flow in the storm drain...



and out into a creek, river, lake, lagoon or ocean.

Clean catch basins and storm drains means less litter and pollution enters our waterways - the very same waterways where we get our drinking water! Working together, we can keep our environment and our drinking water as clean as possible.

## Brush – it's collected year 'round!

Brush/branches collection takes place all year in North Brunswick. Just remember our guidelines for collection:

- Brush/branches must be less than four (4) feet long.
- All brush/branches must be bundled tied in groups no heavier than 40 pounds each.
- Brush/branches are collected by appointment **ONLY**. This collection is a two-day process, Thursdays and Fridays weekly. **Please DO** call us no later than 2pm on Wednesday to be on that week's list.
- **Unbundled brush WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Brush placed curbside **without** an appointment **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- Remember - per Township ordinance, nothing should be placed at the curb more than 24 hours prior to pick up. Have items out by 7am of your collection day at the latest.



### Did you know....

*Extra clippings that can't be bundled can be put in a plastic bag in your regular trash or can be collected as a bulk pick up.*

**Leaves are only recycled in the fall in the paper bags.** "Off season", leaves are considered yard debris and go in plastic bags as a bulk pick up.

## Shred It! Day – September 8, 2012 – **NEW LOCATION!**

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is again hosting Shred It! Days for residents that wish to have documents securely destroyed. We have a **NEW LOCATION** this year -The event will be held in **Babbage Park** (adjacent to Parsons Elementary School). Take Laurel Place to Edison Avenue on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 between 9am - Noon (or until the truck is full, which ever comes first). Residents may bring a maximum of 5 file boxes or up to 100 pounds of documents in manageable containers. If you have more than that, or need additional information, please call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

## Hurricane Preparedness

New Jersey is not immune to the affects of hurricane season, which for the Atlantic, runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. According to the National Hurricane Center, all residents should take a moment to be ready in case a hurricane bears down on our area:



- **DEVELOP A FAMILY PLAN** - Your family's plan should be based on your vulnerability to the Hurricane Hazards. You should keep a written plan and share your plan with other friends or family.
- **CREATE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT** - There are certain items you need to have regardless of where you ride out a hurricane. The disaster supply kit is a useful tool when you evacuate as well as making you as safe as possible in your home. This is useful for all potential emergencies.
- **SECURE YOUR HOME** - There are things that you can do to make your home more secure and able to withstand stronger storms.
- **ONLINE VULNERABILITY INFO** - There are web sites that can give you information about your community's vulnerability to specific hazards. These include hurricanes as well as other weather related hazards.

For more info, visit

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster\\_prevention.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml)

Check our website often for Township updates and news:  
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## Additional Contacts:

Government & Municipal Complex ..... (732) 247-0922  
 American Water ..... (877) 783-5560  
 Waste Management (Recycling) ..... (800) 633-9096  
 Police Non-emergency ..... (732) 545-3200  
 Sewer Dept. - Business Hours ..... (732) 297-1134  
 Sewer or DPW Emergency - Non Business Hours ..... (732) 545-3200  
 (Police non-emergency number)

### ***Don't forget!***

*In hot weather, always stay hydrated in the hot weather. Our staff out in the hot weather takes it a little slower and drinks plenty of fluids for their health and well being.*